



Westminster Presbyterian Church

*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new
creation—everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!”*

II Corinthians 5:17

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

October 28, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Prelude on an American Folk Melody* Hebble

Prayer of Preparation (*you may prepare for worship by praying silently*)

Gracious God, you sent Jesus to meet us in our poverty, isolation, and fear. Have mercy on us when we call on you. Restore our faith and renew our vision so that we may follow your holy way; through Christ, our healer and our hope. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Gene Fair

Minute for Mission

Martha Ann Hogrefe

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

God has done great things for us;

therefore we rejoice in the Lord.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 796 – *We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession – (*unison*)

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will.

When the poor cry out for help, we often pass them by. When the weak reveal their strength, we want to silence their voices. Forgive us, God of grace. Save a place, even for us, at that great banquet of redemption when all will be made well; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (time for silent confession)

* Assurance of Pardon

* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri*

Hymn 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Mary Clare Royals

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading – Psalm 34:1-8

pew Bible pg. 441

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Built on the Rock*

S. Drummond Wolff

Built on the Rock the Church doth stand, steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in every land, bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest;
But above all the soul distress longing for rest everlasting.
Surely in temples made with hands, God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands, all earthly temples excelling.
Yet He whom heavens cannot contain chose to abide on earth with men,
Built in our bodies His temple.

We are God's house of living stones, builded for His habitation;
He through baptismal grace us owns heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell, yet He would deign with us to dwell,
With all His grace and His favor.

Now we may gather with our King even in the lowliest dwelling;
Praises to Him we there may bring, His wondrous mercy forth telling.
Jesus His grace to us accords; spirit and life are all His words;
His truth doth hallow the temple.

Here stands the font before our eyes telling how God did receive us;
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice and what His table doth give us;
Here sounds the Word that doth proclaim, Christ yesterday, today, the same,
Yea, and for aye our Redeemer. Amen

Second Reading – Mark 10:46-52

pew Bible pg. 823

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *Let Me See Again*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

- * Affirmation of Faith: (*unison*) The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.

- * Hymn of Thanksgiving 792 – *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory – *The Beatitudes*

Malotte

Katie Buckner, mezzo-soprano

- * The Doxology – Hymn 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

- * Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn of Consecration 643 – *Now Thank We All Our God*

- * Charge and Benediction

- * Postlude – *Trumpet Tune*

Hebble



- * Please stand at the * as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Eugenia Anderson, Pam Love's aunt – recovering from a broken hip

Kinlock Bell – prayers for needed rest

Marilyn Bowen, Sam Dossett's sister – colon cancer

Sharol Buchanan, Tab Buchanan's daughter – recovering from broken bones

Tash Clayton, Gene Owens' employer's daughter – kidney stones surgery, treating infection

Ruthie Davis – upcoming surgery

Sam Dossett – continued prayers

Lauranne Doggett, Sarah Brannon's sister – Alzheimer's

Sarah Ellena, daughter of Martha Ann and Charles Hogrefe – recovery from alcohol addiction

Frances Forsyth, Mac Forsyth's mother – recovering from fractured back

Katie Hall, friend of Bob Lochhead – slowly recovering from a brain aneurism

Mary Halliwell, friend of Mary and Dean Cromartie – pancreatic cancer

Stephanie Liddell, Geri Jones' daughter – employment and special prayers

Jim Lundy, Sinclair Lundy's brother – early stages of dementia

Donald Marr, Sr., friend of Nancy Johnson – brain cancer

Jean Menefee – receiving treatment in Houston

Crystal Miller, friend of Nancy Johnson – recovering from double lung & heart transplant

Cindy Nobles – undergoing treatment for the recurrence of cancer

Tabitha Raggio – recovering from surgery

Stuart Ramsdale, friend of Gene Owens – cancer on liver, colon, and throat

James Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's brother – frontotemporal dementia motor neuron disease and ALS

Kem Reid, father of Ryan Reid – bone marrow transplant

Hermon & Dena Robertson, Glenn Nobles' sister and brother-in-law – health issues

Sharon Sabin, friend of Mary and Dean Cromartie – advanced cancer and Parkinson's

Becky Smith, Ann Aldridge's friend – radiation treatments now and surgery in Oct.

Patty Talbot, Ann Aldridge's sister – rejoicing for remission

Marty VanDensun, friend of Ruthie Davis – recurrence of cancer

Virginia VanWart, friend of Janet Burke – lung cancer

PRAYERS FOR SAFE TRAVELS AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Cursillo staff – David Arnold, Sharon Potin, Steve Ramp, Dean and Mary Cromartie

Cursillo pilgrim – Iris Easterling



Greeting and Announcements

Welcome to Westminster! We're very glad to see you in worship. We hope you will sense Christ's presence. If you are looking for a place to grow and serve, we'd love to tell you more about us. Please turn off cell phones during the worship hour.

The November/December *Today* devotionals are on the narthex cabinet.

Youth and Children will meet at the church from 5-6:30 today. Supper will be provided. All Saints' Day is celebrated annually on Nov. 1. In the Reformed tradition, this is an opportunity to remember and give thanks for those people of God who have gone before us into the realm of everlasting peace. It is also an opportunity to lift up and give thanks for the ordinary, holy lives of believers we know in this day and age. To help us celebrate All Saint's Day at Westminster, you will find that a bulletin board has been placed in the Narthex with space provided for you to write the name of a saint you would like for our church family to remember.



Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at noon. We will study Hosea chapter 14.



Please join us for Wednesday night dinner this week at 5:30. There is no charge for the meal, but donations are encouraged. We need a headcount, so please place a reservation slip in the offering plate.

The menu for Wednesday night is: Hamburgers, hot dogs, and baked beans. After supper, everyone is invited to the back parking lot where children of all ages will enjoy being treated to games and candy.

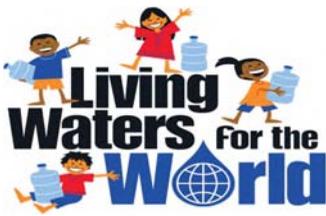
Chancel Choir will meet at 7 p.m.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Nov. 1, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

Trunk or Treat. ALL kids, no matter your age, can dress up and be treated to goodies Oct. 31, at 5:30 in the church's back parking lot. Decorate your trunks, SUV's or trucks for **Trunk or Treat**. Everyone is encouraged to bring candy, decorate your vehicles if desired, and enjoy the evening.



Margaret Lochhead is seeking volunteers to fill **Breadbasket applications** for November 5-9. A signup sheet is on a narthex table.



There's still time to participate in the "Buy a Part, Be a Part" Living Waters for the World fundraiser. Please see the display in the narthex and see how you can help with the upcoming water purification system installation in Guadeloupe, El Salvador. Be sure to put "LWW" in the memo section of your check.



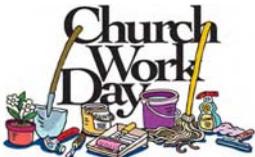
The Meistersingers Civic Chorus is selling poinsettias for a fundraiser. \$15 for a 6½" pot and \$25 8" pot. To purchase, contact Robin Roberts (601-466- email vpfmeistersingers@gmail.com. Deadline is Nov. 1.



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Growing Spiritually Committee meeting will meet Sunday, Nov. 4, at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room.

Grades 3-5 and Youth will sell \$10 parking slots Saturday, Nov. 3, starting at 11 a.m. for the USM game.



The Church-Wide Work Day is Saturday, Nov. 10, starting at 9 a.m. to place the Chrismon tree and spruce up the church.



Shoeboxes
Info on narthex table
Due November 12

Currently, shoeboxes are not available. You can use a regular sized shoebox or purchase a plastic shoebox at a local dollar store. Please pick up an envelope from the narthex cabinet to put with your box and place filled box on the table outside the Generations classroom by Nov. 12.

Contact person is Sarah Brannon (601-602-6440)

Mark your calendars for Monday, Nov. 5th for profit give-back night at Glory Bound. A portion of their sales from 4:00 p.m. until closing will be donated to help **support our Living Waters for the World** mission.



Just as the human body needs eyes, hands, ears, lungs, etc., so does the Body of Christ. We have many small group opportunities for growth, fellowship and service here at Westminster. We encourage members to use their gifts to participate in the mission of this congregation and to invite others to join us in serving Jesus Christ.



The Seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

A Symbolic Statement of the Church

The Cross – Christianity

The Transept – Bible and Pulpit

The Dove – The Holy Spirit

The Intersection – Baptismal Font or
Communion Cup

Flames – Implied triangle, the Trinity

THE SESSION

Class of 2019

Althea Jerome
J. T. Johnson
Cindy Nobles

Class of 2020

Claude Sanders
Dean Cromartie
Kathryn Cummings

Class of 2021

David Arnold
Ginny Graham
Eric Reidenbach

THE TRUSTEES

Franklin Bryant Mary Cromartie Wally Gregg

THE DEACONS

Class of 2019

David Daves
Janeil Harris
Butch Nobles
Susan Turner

Class of 2020

Katie Ginn
Judy Haydel
Sinclair Lundy
Robert Lochhead

Class of 2021

Chad Edmonson
Brandon Hayes
Rhoda Pickett
Beth Richmond
Jackson Creel

Youth Representative

CHURCH STAFF

Christopher Crotwell, Minister
Sinclair Lundy, Financial Secretary
Randall Harris, Organist
Director Wes Brooks, Communications

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship
Martha Davis, Church Administrator
Connie Roberts, Chancel Choir
Michael Ginn, Children's Music Director

Ray Robinson, Sexton